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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2001 (Paper No. 17), please consider the following remarks and amendments in connection with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE). This Amendment and accompanying RCE are timely filed in advance of May 20, 2002, in view of the Notice of Appeal filed by Applicants and received by the PTO on February 19, 2002 and the Petition for an Extension of Time up to and including May 20, 2002 (May 19, 2002 being a Sunday).

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement accompanies this RCE and Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 15, and ending at page 8, line 7, and substitute the following paragraph: